

Our Lady of Light & Saint Osyth
National Shrine of Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

Come Holy Spirit, by means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Your well-beloved spouse. Amen.



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COVID 19 REGULATIONS STEP 4: The revised guidelines are being implemented in the parish. Please note that face masks are required in the church.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS: Offerings can be placed in one of the orange buckets or at the Sunday Mass collection, but I would request wherever possible, all offerings are made electronically by 1. Standing order; 2. Using the Smart Bar Codes; or 3. Via the donation button on the website. This will reduce the level of risk to our collection counters and those who will need to visit the bank. The bank details are:

Bank Title: Catholic Church Clacton-on-Sea, Sort Code 401322, Account Number:

41020463. Members of the gift-aid scheme should quote their name and gift aid number in the Reference. Funds received last week:

Electronic Offerings £308.50 of which £130.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £446.04 of which £113.00 was gift aided.

Donation Soup Kitchen: £243.50.

Thank you for your generosity, for Gift Aiding your offerings, and for your support of the Parish. Fr Patrick.

GIVE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE: You can now give to the Parish with your smartphone using the bar codes displayed at the entrance and exit doors of the church. You can give from £3 to £20 with or without Giftaid. Simply scan the chosen bar code.

LUKE 3:1-6

Today we celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent. The word Advent means 'coming'. This is a solemn period of spiritual preparation for the celebration of Christmas: Christ's birth into humanity; and His Second Coming at the end of time in Glory and Judgement. During this period, we ask Christ to enter our lives, our hearts, and souls in order that He may always be a friend whenever we meet Him and not a stranger. Today we light the second candle on the Advent wreath, which is traditionally called the 'Candle of Peace'. Jesus Christ is the gift of peace and love to the world.

The Gospel of Luke places the life of Jesus Christ into an historical place and time. Luke lists the governing powers in place at the time. Luke tells us that the Word of God came to John, son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. John announced the coming of the Messiah with a quote from the Prophet Isaiah: 'A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight'. The Jewish people yearned and waited for the Messiah. John's mission was to prepare the way for the coming of the Messiah. Before his death, John proclaimed, 'I baptise you with water, but somebody is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of His sandals; He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire'. We have all been baptised by the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist also said that Jesus must grow greater, and I must grow smaller. Let us use the opportunity of Advent, to allow Jesus Christ to grow greater in our lives and ourselves to grow smaller. We allow Jesus to become greater in our lives through daily prayer; through acts of love and kindness; through reading the Gospels; through the reception of the Sacraments, and most especially in the Holy Eucharist where we are fed by Christ Himself through the gift of His Body and Blood.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE:

Monday 20th December 7.00 pm Christmas Reconciliation Service with visiting priests.

Friday 24th December 5.00 pm Children's Vigil Mass

Friday 24th December 9.30 pm Christmas Carols

Friday 24th December 10.00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Saturday 25th December 8.30 am Christmas Day Mass

Saturday 25th December 10.30 am Christmas Day Mass

Sunday 26th December 8.30 am Sunday Mass

Sunday 26th December 10.30 am Sunday Mass.

CHURCHES TOGETHER CAROL CONCERT: Please join me and the Parish Choir at the Carol Concert at 2 pm outside of Morrison's in the Waterglade Retail Park on Saturday 11th December. There will be a full brass band. This is an important witness to the Christian meaning of Christmas, and an opportunity to stand together with the other Christians in the town. Fr Patrick.

FUNERAL: The funeral of Martin Declan Rankin will take place on Tuesday 7th December at 1.00 pm. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for his grieving family.

THE CONFRATERNITY OF OUR LADY OF LIGHT SPOUSE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: The Confraternity will be re-established at the 9.00 am Mass on the Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception on Wednesday 8th December 2021. The application form for joining the Confraternity is at the end of this Newsletter.

HELP: An elderly lady needs a lift to Sunday Mass from Rose Croft Close. Please let Fr Patrick know if you can help.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE: Annual Advent Carol Services on Sunday 12th December at 3.00 pm and 7.00 pm. Tickets available £10.00 by email: josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org or 01277 373959.

BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN DIRECTORY: The 2022 edition is available at the back of the Church. The cost is £2.80.

FAITH TALK ON THE CHRISTMAS GOSPELS: As Christmas draws closer, we shall be reading the sections of the gospels commonly known as 'infancy narratives' with their stories of the births of John the Baptist and of Jesus. The three parts of this talk consider Matthew chapters 1-2, Luke chapters 1-2 and John chapter 1. The videos are available free of charge on www.whatgoodnews.org They are given by Fr Adrian Graffy, Parish Priest, Scripture scholar and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission.

MESSAGE FROM THE MISSIO TEAM: Please hand any full Red Boxes into the sacristy before Christmas. We have collected £1414.32 as a Parish this year. This is a wonderful amount for the Church in the developing world. Thank you for all your support.
Barbara & Manual.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES.

Saturday 4 th December 2021.	9.30 am.	MASS: Alice Redmond RIP Joe Murray.
Saturday 4 th December 2021.	11.00 am to 12.00 am.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 4 th December 2021.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 4 th December 2021.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 4 th December 2021. <i>Vigil of The Second Sunday of Advent (C).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Amy Louise Acker & Family Intentions Shane.
Sunday 5 th December 2021. <i>The Second Sunday of Advent (C).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Sharon Sinclair Intentions Janet Latto.
Sunday 5 th December 2021.	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS.	MASS: Nicola Dales & Family Intentions.
Monday 6 th December 2021.	9.00 am.	MASS: Penny Deighton RIP Mary.
Tuesday 7 th December 2021. <i>Memorial of St Ambrose, Bp, D.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Matthew Clarke RIP Paul Clarke.
Tuesday 7 th December 2021.	1.00 pm.	FUNERAL: Martin Declan Rankin Dec'd.
Wednesday 8 th December 2021 <i>Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Bernie Byrne RIP May, Noel, Theresa & Pauline.
Saturday 11 th December 2021.	9.30 am.	MASS: Mary Powell RIP Parish.

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Saturday 11 th December 2021. <i>Vigil of The Third Sunday of Advent (C).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Steve Andrews & Family Intentions Shane Andrews.
Sunday 12 th December 2021. <i>The Third Sunday of Advent (C). (Gaudete' Sunday)</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Joseph Doc Marquis & Family RIP.
Sunday 12 th December 2021.	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS.	MASS: Ray Bagnall RIP Parish.

APPLICATION TO JOIN THE CONFRATERNITY OF OUR LADY OF LIGHT SPOUSE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

I promise to the best of my ability to complete the objects of the Confraternity:

1. To promote a true and tender devotion to Our Lady as the Spouse of the Holy Spirit, and the channel through whom He communicates His gifts and graces.
2. To obtain light to practice aright all other devotions of the Church, especially devotion to the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, to the Holy Spirit, and to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and thereby to promote the sanctification of all the Members of the Confraternity.
3. To implore through the intercession of Our Lady of Light, that her Divine Son, the "Light of Light, and her Divine Spouse, the Holy Spirit, "Light of our hearts", may graciously vouchsafe to spread ever more and more the light of the Catholic Faith over the whole world, and especially over England.

I will endeavor to complete the following devotions to obtain the end proposed by the Confraternity:

1. The daily recital of the "Morning Offering" prayer of Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit.
2. Prayer to the Holy Spirit, and to His Spouse, Our Lady of Light.
3. Attendance at daily Mass, where possible.
4. The daily recital of the Rosary.
5. Reception of Holy Communion at least once a month, especially on Feasts of Our Lord, of Our Lady, of St Joseph, and the Holy Apostles.

With God's grace, I will adhere to the Rules of the Confraternity:

1. The "Morning Offering" to be recited daily
2. Holy Communion once a month in honour of "Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit", and for the intentions of all Members.
3. To keep a picture of "Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit", and to have an earnest desire to spread the devotion.

Prayer of Morning Offering

Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, I give thee my whole self, soul and body, all that I have or may have, to keep for Jesus, that I may be His for evermore.

Amen.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit, and to His Spouse, Our Lady of Light

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Amen.

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